

Introduction

The information on this page is intended to provide a brief overview of the non-immigrant visa process.

If after reviewing this information and the material on the Department of State's website you have additional questions, please contact the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Frequently asked Questions

Additional information regarding the non-immigrant visa process is available on the Department of State website at <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

- **Do all travelers require a visa to visit the United States?** <http://states.gov/visa/visa-waiver-program> (VWP). Citizens from countries that are part of the VWP do not need a visa to visit the United States for tourism or business for stays of up to 90 days.

- **How can I apply for a non-immigrant visa?** <http://www.travel.state.gov> for a tourist visa through the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country. For more information, visit <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

- **Can friends and family members help with the application process?** However, this does not mean that they can apply for you. Only the applicant can apply for a visa.

- **What are some common reasons for visa denial?** The U.S. State Department makes a determination on each visa application based on the information provided by the applicant.

- **Is a denial under section 214(b) permanent?**
No. The consular officer will reconsider a case if an applicant can show further convincing evidence of strong ties to their home country.

- **What Constitutes "Strong Ties"?**
Strong ties differ from country to country, city to city, individual to individual. Some examples of ties include family, employment, property, and other commitments.

